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| In re Application of: |) |
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| Roger READ, et al. |) |
| Application No.: 09/673,305 |) Group Art Unit: 1625 |
| Filed: March 19, 2001 |) Examiner: Robinson, Binta M |
| For: PRODUCTION OF FURANONES |) |

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Applicants request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendment and remarks, filed supplementary to the response filed January 3, 2003.

AMENDMENT

Please amend claims 1-6, 9, 12, 15 and 25 as follows:

1. (twice amended) A compound according to formula (I):

$$R_2$$
 R_3
 R_9
 R_9
 R_9

wherein R_6 is H, OH, alkyl, alkoxy, oxoalkyl, alkenyl, aryl or arylalkyl;

R₂ and R₃ are independently or both H or halogen;

R₉ is halogen;

Z is independently selected from R₆, halogen, OOH, OC(O)R₆, =O, amine, azide, thiol,